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1. [] - GLC) [] DPD, called to say that Congressman Frank M. Karsten (D., Mo.) had written a letter to FAA asking whether it was true that all U-2 aircraft had been grounded for an oxygen equipment check. FAA has forwarded the letter which was dated 9 May to NASA and NASA had contacted DPD on it. [] wondered if we thought it feasible to have one of the Congressmen who had attended Monday's briefing on the plane incident contact Karsten advising him that appropriate committees of the Congress had been briefed on this matter and suggesting that Karsten not pursue this matter further. We suggested as an alternative that NASA draft a reasonable answer to this fairly innocuous inquiry and clear it with the State Department. If such an answer should not satisfy Mr. Karsten, then we could consider other possibilities including the one [] suggested. [] said he would try to handle the inquiry on this basis.

2. [] - GLC) Don Appell, Staff member of HCUA, called to say that an individual requesting a copy of the testimony of [] [] asked if the Committee was also releasing the testimony of [] [] Appell thought this inquiry was interesting inasmuch as the individual who raised the question was from the [] Embassy. I thanked Appell for the information and said I would look into the matter. (We are currently considering making [] available to either HCUA or the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee sometime after 1 June 1960. Both Committees have asked for him.)

3. [] - GLC) Fred Mesmer, Staff Director of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, called and requested the usual type memo on [] beneficiary of a private bill [] CI Staff is working on this.

4. [] - GLC) [] Watch Office, called and said they had just received an AP item indicating that 17 proposals aimed at tightening legislative control over the CIA have been quietly pigeon-holed. [] is forwarding this item to us.

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